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CURRENT SOVIET AIMS

I. Soviet diplomacy, propaganda energetically aimed at--:

A. Frightening West out of German re-

armament;

B. Impressing entire non-Communist world

with strength, "peaceful" attitude

of USSR.

II. On rearmament issue, USSR searching for dramatic ways prevent ratification Paris accords, or at least raise Western doubts wisdom actually carrying out German rearmament.

A. First, pressure on France, Benelux,

Britain, climaxed by 13 Jan notes to

WEU countries.

1. Warned that accords would provide

West Germany with ABC weapons in

defiance Geneva convention:

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a. Thus intensify danger of sort
war specially threatening to
"Eur countries with great
density population."

B. Next (15 Jan), efforts woo West

Germans with--

1. Offer of diplomatic relations;

2. Hint (with weasel escapes) of
Soviet okay for supervised
all-German elections.

3. Both offers contingent on German
rejection Paris accords. Also
declared direct contact with
Moscow only road to reunification.

C. In addition such overt gestures, prob-
able that USSR covertly responsible for
rash of recent "war imminence" rumors.

1. Example--6 Jan Dutch labor leader's
claim that "battle signal" had been
given, USSR start preventive war

rather than see West Germany rearmed.

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D. In contrast such covert "scares" USSR

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has actually--

1. Avoided committing itself to military counter-action in event German rearmament.
2. Has cut down "war" propaganda within Bloc, presumably because of ~~POPULAR FEAR~~
~~bad reaction~~ -including some "panic-buying."

E. Actual concrete Soviet moves--as distinct from propaganda--confined to harassment in Berlin, Austria.

1. Berlin--definite increase in checks on border-crossers.
2. Austria--setting up check-points around Vienna, and thinly veiled threats to "partition" country.

III. As token of "peaceful" intentions, USSR made two "dramatic" atomic energy announcements in last few days

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A. Stated (14 Jan) that atomic power

station data will be given to UN
science conference in August.

B. Announced (17 Jan) that both ~~supplies~~
fissionables and atomic "know-how"
would be given five Orbit states
(China, East Germany, Czechoslovakia,
Rumania, Poland--which now supplying
USSR with atomic raw materials).

1. Five will get research equipment
(e.g.-cyclotrons), assistance in
building small experimental
reactors, and fissionables
required for power.
2. Can thus join Big Brother in
"peaceful" development atomic
power.

C. Actions belatedly counter US "atom
pool" plan, clear way for rival Soviet
plan on international scale--including
Communist China.

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D. Also soothe Satellite discontent over

Soviet exploitation nuclear resources
without return benefits.

E. USSR already considering extending

atomic offer to additional nations--

probably including underdeveloped Asian
countries where USSR now stressing
offers of economic and technical
assistance, one key target--India.

F. Moscow can now back up such offers with
atomic goods.

IV. These flexings Soviet diplomatic muscles

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[redacted]
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Fleet "units" will travel 5,000 miles
through Atlantic and Mediterranean in Feb
for combined maneuvers with Black Sea Fleet.
(Northern Fleet's major units--4 light
cruisers, 29 destroyers, 47 submarines).

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A. If major movement would be unprecedented in history Soviet Navy.

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B. Such voyage would be mainly political

"showing flag."

C. Although voyage would offer US intelligence opportunities, also presents real intelligence challenge.

1. Taking ships away from exposed northern coast and bottling them up in Black Sea would be persuasive indication USSR not expecting immediate war.

2. US would get valuable insight Soviet naval tactics, logistic support, air cover (if any), etc.

D. Challenge to US intelligence would be need to reckon with precedent of Soviet forces (naval and possibly air) suddenly appearing in open Atlantic on demonstrably "peaceful" missions.

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1. Future might see frequent entries
Soviet forces in international
waters and airspace.
2. Might provide cover for Soviet
reconnaissance and even "spoof" air
feelers aimed at US radar.
3. Thus poses tough problem US
agencies studying "indications"
and considering timely initiation
US measures defend continental US.

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